

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) Apparatus for producing a tire reinforcement formed from a thread delivered continuously and on request by an appropriate dispenser, the apparatus being intended to be used in cooperation with a substantially toroidal form on which the reinforcement is progressively constructed by laying hoops of the thread between ends of ~~on~~ a desired thread path on the surface of the form, the apparatus comprising:

a guiding member in which the thread can slide freely,

a ~~single~~ solid oscillating arm, moving in an arcuate path about a geometrical axis of rotation, ~~the wherein an~~ end of the oscillating arm supports said ~~supporting the~~ guiding member, and moves in an arcuate path positioned laterally of the form,

a control for imparting an oscillatory movement to the oscillating arm so that the guiding member is transported in a cyclical movement described in a movement plane, to and fro, in order to bring the guiding member in successive cycles into the vicinity of each of the ~~desired~~ ends ~~for the thread in the~~ of the desired thread path without substantially coming into contact with the form,

a presser close to each end of the said path, for applying the thread to the form at the said ends, acting in synchronism with the cyclical movement of the guiding member, and

the oscillating arm comprising, in its terminal part, a spout ~~curved~~ extending from said laterally positioned end of said oscillating arm inwardly towards the form, the spout directly supporting the guiding member so as to bring the guiding member close to the form at least in

the configuration assumed by the apparatus when the guiding member is close to the end of the path.

2. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 1, in which the geometrical axis of rotation of the oscillating arm intersects the form in the working position.

3. (currently amended) Apparatus according to Claim 1, in which ~~the~~ a base of the oscillating arm, located at an end of said oscillating arm opposite said end thereof supporting said guiding member, is substantially oriented perpendicularly to the geometrical axis of rotation of the oscillating arm, the oscillating arm having at least one intermediate part oriented substantially parallel to the geometrical axis of rotation of the oscillating arm.

4. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 1, in which the guiding member comprises an orifice at the end of the oscillating arm, the oscillating arm being hollow and having the said thread passing therethrough.